

**City of Concord Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes from November 20, 2008**

Attendees:

Committee Members: Mary Miller, Janet Schofield, John Mercier, Lauren Flielder, Chiara Dolcino, Glenn Mathews, Andrea Goldberg

Staff Members: Karen Billings – Recreation, Chris Jacques – General Services, Doug Woodward – Community Development

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by RPAC Chair, Mary Miller

September's Meeting Minutes were approved with changes. We did not have a meeting in October 2008.

New Business:

FY 09 CIP Review – Doug Woodward and Chris Jacques reviewed all of the Recreation related CIP projects scheduled for 2009. Projects included:

White Park – The renovations on schedule to be completed in spring 2009. Some discussion was held around if all of the funding had been used and if there was going to be any funds left over. Chris Jacques informed the group that the funds indeed were all going to be used as scheduled. Areas of the park scheduled to be completed in the spring include final touches of sod in the baseball field and hydro seeding areas.

Rolfe Park – The funding for Rolfe was for a sun shade for the pool area which led to a discussion on the type to purchase with the General Impact Fees for all of the pools. There are two options – permanent shades at six of the City's pools or portable ones that could be used in variety of ways around the City of Concord. The Committee liked the idea of portable shades and recommends that the City purchased them because of the possibility of additional use for other activities. Chris Jacques did have some concerns regarding portable shades – Where will the shades be stored?
Who is responsible for moving them?

The discussion of sun shades sparked questions about Impact Fees. The committee would like more information about how they are obtained and how long do are they available for use? Should we buy all six as funded this year or can we wait a year? Concerned about public impression during these economic times.

Rollins Park – The funding scheduled is for dugouts, a sun shade and a gazebo. Doug Woodward led the discussion regarding the gazebo. Doug is looking at different designs and materials.

Memorial Field – The funding is for a water cannon, lights and softball dugouts.

Terrill Park – Scheduled improvements are scheduled for the spring.

Garrison Park – RFP's are going out the 1st of December for new ADA playground equipment. Old equipment will be sold for scrap metal. Garrison is the last park in the City of Concord that does not meet ADA standards.

Merrill Park – A new water “plug” was installed near the basketball courts for the purpose of flooding the field to create an ice skating rink this winter.

White Park Score Board - Concord High School Class of 1957 made a donation of \$4,937.50 for a new score board at White Park. The new score board is similar in style to the existing one and will complement the new baseball field.

Old Business - Mary Miller led discussion about needing a more detailed picture regarding man-hours and the City's community centers. The group has been waiting six months for expense information. Mary suggested having a meeting with her, David Gill and Jeff Hoadley.

Members of the committee discussed the upcoming Softball World Series and still have concerns over the plans to convert the baseball field to a softball field. Members would still like to meet with the World Series Group to discuss the plans for the baseball field renovations and discuss the use of the City's existing Softball Fields.

Meet adjourned at 6:00 pm

Respectively submitted by:

Karen Billings
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